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***Battle Creek San Hospital  
Voted Into  
Seventh-day Adventist  
Ownership***

In an historic and unanimous vote the constituents of Battle Creek Sanitarium Hospital elected that the hospital become, as of October 1, 1974, the 394th medical facility owned and operated by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

A fully accredited community hospital, the San provides medical and surgical facilities as well as a complete inpatient mental health program with supportive services. These services include in- and outpatient alcohol and drug treatment programs and psychological testing and counseling.

The San will be operated as a sister institution to Hinsdale Sanitarium and Hospital, Illinois, a 440-bed community hospital located near Chicago. The two hospitals will pool their purchasing in some areas, as well as cooperate in management training and other inservice programs. Both medical facilities will be owned and operated by the Lake Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, with a church constituency from four states — Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin.

Although there will be a change of ownership, said Vernon L. Small, administrator, the hospital will continue to be a general hospital serving the community needs of Battle Creek and the surrounding areas. Pictured: The Western Health Reform Institute, which opened in 1866 in an eight-room cottage, was the first Battle Creek Sanitarium building.



